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For : Method for Assembling Integrated Circuits with Protection of the Circuits
Against Electrostatic Discharge, and Arrangement of Integrated Circuits
with Protection Against Electrostatic Discharge

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(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on March 5, 2001.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - ☐ An amendment
 - ☐ New arguments
 - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
 - ☐ Other: